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20 MAY 1961



Honorable Charles E. Bennett  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I read with interest the article by David Kraslow in the Miami Herald of May 1, in which you commented on the Cuban matter.

I appreciate your support in this regard. It is particularly welcome at this time when we are the target of so much uninformed press hostility.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

LBKirkpatrick:bcw;rcm (20 May 61)

Orig &l- addressee

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1 - OGC/Legis. Counsel (via IG)  
1 - Col. Grogan w/press clipping

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Remarks:

Kirk:

The Director believes it might be a good idea to write a letter to Representative Bennett thanking him for his support.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Congressman Bennett called the Director's office on 23 May (the Director was appearing before the House Foreign Affairs Committee) and stated he had been approached by a reporter of the Miami Herald seeking a copy of the attached letter for the purpose of publishing it in the Herald. Congressman Bennett said the reporter indicated the Herald knew of the letter and, after some insistence on the part of the reporter, he had read it to him but had made it clear that he would not release it for publication without prior approval of the Director. I spoke to Mr. Kirkpatrick and Colonel Grogan about the congressman's request. Colonel Grogan stated he saw no reason it should not be published while Mr. Kirkpatrick felt that no useful purpose could be served in doing so.

I discussed this matter with the Director who stated as far as he was concerned, his letter to Bennett was personal and unless there was some compelling reason, he would prefer that it not be published, particularly since as a general rule we have not given permission to publish CIA correspondence. At the Director's request, I so advised Congressman Bennett who said he fully understood and in fact quite agreed with the Director's position and undertook to so inform the Miami Herald.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

Representative Charles Bennett is a  
member of the Kilday Committee.

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